

# Consumer Prices

## Average percent change for major budgetary components

GROUP	Annual average percent change from December of previous year to December:			Percent change 12 months ending with March 1999
	1990	1995	1998	
<b>All Items</b>	6.1	2.5	1.6	1.7
Food	5.3	2.1	2.3	2.3
Food at home	5.8	2.0	2.1	2.0
Food away from home	4.5	2.2	2.5	2.7
Housing	4.5	3.0	2.3	2.3
Apparel	5.1	0.1	-0.7	-1.6
Transportation	10.4	1.5	-1.7	-0.6
Medical care	9.6	3.9	3.4	3.5
Recreation	NA	2.8	1.2	0.8
Education and communication	NA	4.0	0.7	0.9
Other goods and services	7.6	4.3	8.8	9.0

## Price per pound for selected food items

Food	Price per pound unless otherwise noted (as of December in each year)			March 1999
	1990	1995	1998	
Flour, white, all purpose	\$ .24	\$ .24	\$ .28	\$ .29
Rice, white, long grain, uncooked	.49	.55	.54	.54
Spaghetti and macaroni	.85	.88	.88	.88
Bread, white	.70	.84	.87	.88
Beef, ground, uncooked	1.63	1.40	1.39	1.40
Pork chops, center cut, bone-in	3.32	3.29	3.03	3.11
Chicken, fresh, whole	.86	.94	1.06	1.06
Tuna, light, chunk	2.11	2.00	2.22	2.04
Eggs, Grade A, large, per dozen	1.00	1.16	1.09	1.00
Milk, fresh, lowfat, per gallon	NA	2.31	2.76	2.88
Butter, salted, grade AA, stick	1.92	1.73	3.18	2.74
Apples, red delicious	.77	.83	.85	.85
Bananas	.43	.45	.51	.51
Oranges, navel	.56	.64	.61	.87
Potatoes, white	.32	.38	.38	.38
Lettuce, iceberg	.58	.61	.64	.77
Tomatoes, field grown	.86	1.51	1.80	1.40
Broccoli	NA	.76	.97	.99
Carrots, short trimmed and topped	.43	.53	.54	.58
Onions, dry yellow	NA	.41	NA	NA
Orange juice, frozen concentrate per 16 oz.	2.02	1.57	1.68	1.74
Sugar, white, 33-80 oz. pkg.	.40	.39	.41	.42
Margarine, stick	.87	.79	NA	NA
Peanut butter, creamy	2.09	1.78	1.79	1.82
Coffee, 100% ground roast	2.94	3.51	3.45	3.48

NA = Data not available.

Selected items from CPI Detailed Reports, Bureau of Labor Statistics, various issues. Price changes are for all urban consumers. Food prices are U.S. city average.